Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution comprising an aqueous medium and
 - (a) gold particles in colloidal form,
 - (b) a compound having a polar tertiary amino group conjugated via a hydrophobic aromatic residue with a weaker alkaline group which can also be a part of the aromatic residue, and
 - (c) a stabilizer comprising a mercapto group (-SH) and an acidic group.
- 2. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1, wherein the colloidal gold particles have an average diameter of 1 to 20 nm.
- 3. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the aromatic residue of the compound (b) is a N-heteroaromatic residue with the nitrogen atom as weaker alkaline group.
- 4. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 3, wherein the heteroaromatic residue is a pyridine residue.

- 5. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to elaims 1, 3

 or claim 4, wherein the compound (b) is 4-dimethylamino-pyridine (DMAP).
- 6. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to one of the previous claims claim 1, wherein the stabilizer (c) comprises a sulfonic acid group (-SO₃⁻).
- 7. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 6, wherein the stabilizer (c) is a mercapto- $(C_{1.5})$ alkylsulfonic acid salt.
- 8. (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 7, wherein the stabilizer (c) is a 2-mercaptoethane sulfonic acid salt.
- 9. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to any one of the previous claims claim 1, comprising furthermore, as evaporation blocker,
 - (d) a polar organic compound with a vicinal dihydroxy group or an oligomer thereof.
- (original) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 9, wherein the compound (d) is ethylene glycol.
- 11. (currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to any one of the previous claims claim 1, having the following composition:
 - (a) 6 to 10 % by weight of the gold nanoparticles,

	(c) 0.2 to 0.6 % by weight of the stabilizer, and optionally
	(d) 1 to 8 % by weight of the evaporation blocker, each based on the total
	weight of the aqeous
12.	(currently amended) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to any one of
	the previous claims claim 1, having a pH of 8 to 11.
13.	(currently amended) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold
	solution of claims 1 to 12 <u>claim 1</u> .
14.	(original) Printer cartridge according to claim 13, which is an ink jet printer
	cartridge.
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19.	(new) An aqueous colloidal gold solution according to claim 6, comprising
	furthermore, as evaporation blocker,

(b) 0.1 to 3 % by weight of the compound having a tertiary amino group,

- (e) a polar organic compound with a vicinal dihydroxy group or an oligomer thereof.
- 20. (new) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold solution of claim 6.
- 21. (new) Ink or printer cartridges containing the aqueous colloidal gold solution of claim 11.